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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Bangor – 2,900 Pounds of Marijuana Located on Butte County Property

(U) The Butte County Sheriff's Office found 569 marijuana plants, weighing 2,900 pounds, on a rural property on Monday. Authorities unearthed the illegal commercial marijuana grow operation, an illegal camp, a gun, and a secret marijuana drying and processing area while serving a search warrant. The marijuana was then destroyed, the Butte County Sheriff's Office said in a release.

SOURCE: 17 July 2018, [KCRA 3](#)

(U) San Francisco – 58 Million Twitter Accounts Suspended at End of 2017

(U) Twitter suspended at least 58 million user accounts in the final three months of 2017, according to data obtained by The Associated Press. The figure highlights the company's newly aggressive stance against malicious or suspicious accounts in the wake of Russian disinformation efforts during the 2016 US presidential campaign. Last week, Twitter confirmed it had suspended 70 million accounts in May and June.

SOURCE: 17 July 2018, [Associated Press](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) North Carolina – LabCorp Investigating Possible Data Breach

(U) Burlington – LabCorp, one of the nation's largest medical diagnostics companies, is investigating a security breach that could have put health records of millions of patients at risk. The company, in a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission, says it detected "suspicious activities" on its network over the weekend of 14 July and "immediately took certain systems offline as part of its comprehensive response to contain the activity." LabCorp says it has not yet discovered any evidence of the unauthorized transfer or misuse of data it holds. The company added it has notified authorities and will cooperate in any investigation.

SOURCE: 17 July 2018, [Fortune](#)

(U) New York – US Charges Honduran Congressman in Drug Trafficking Conspiracy

(U) New York City – Prosecutors from the United States yesterday charged Honduran Congressman Midence Oqueli Martinez Turcios of conspiring to import cocaine into the United States as a member of the Cachiros drug trafficking organization. Martinez Turcios is the second Honduran congressman, and the latest in a series of current and former officials of the Central American country, to be indicted on drug trafficking charges in New York federal court.

SOURCE: 17 July 2018, [Reuters](#)

(U) Texas – Nearly \$900,000 in Cash Seized on Plane Bound for Mexico

(U) San Antonio – Two 19-year-old men were arrested yesterday, accused of smuggling nearly \$900,000 in suspected drug-related cash, authorities said. The suspects, identified as Joan Pablo Hoyos Avila and Rafael Gabriel Martinez Leal, each face a bulk-cash smuggling charge, for which they could get five years

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in prison if convicted. Acting on a tip, US Customs and Border Protection agents halted a private plane at San Antonio International Airport that was preparing to depart for Monterrey, Mexico.

SOURCE: 17 July 2018, [Fox News](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL**(U) Afghanistan – Suicide Bomber Kills 20**

(U) Kabul – An Afghan official says an ISIS suicide bomber killed 20 people in northern Afghanistan, including a Taliban commander. Abdul Qayum Baqizoi, provincial chief police of northern Sar-i-Pul province, said the attack yesterday took place as village elders met with Taliban officials in the area. In northern Afghanistan, Taliban and the ISIS faction in the country have been waging bitter battles in recent days. As many as 100 insurgents from both the Taliban and ISIS have perished in recent battles, said Baqizoi.

SOURCE: 17 July 2018, [Associated Press](#)

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